in Bihar in addition to the existing ones; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There are two LPG Bottling Plants in the State of Bihar, as follows:

Location	Existing Capacity (TMT per Annum)
Barauni	15
Jamshedpur	25

(b) After utilising the existing bottling capacity available in the State of Bihar, the balance packed demand is met from the LPG bottling plants located in the adjoining States.

(c) and (d) Presently there is no proposal to set up new bottling plants in Bihar. However, Oil Industry has planned to augment the bottling capacity of Jamshedpur bottling plant to 88 Thousand Metric Tonne per Annum during the 8th plan period.

Leagake in LPG cylinders

777. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many a time the LPG consumers in the capital are supplied leaking cylinders by the Indane distributors but the same are not replaced on the plea that gas has been flared;

(b) if so the number of complaints of leaking LPG cylinders received by various LPG distributors/Indian Oil Corporation during the last one year;

(c) what procedure a consumer has to follow for getting a replacement of a leaking cylinder from the distributor;

(d) whether Government are also aware that sometimes cylinders having water therein are supplied to the consumer by the LPG distributors; and

(e) if so, what are the rights of the LPG consumers in such cases and what action they may take in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However cylinders may develop leakage at a later stage. A total of 1403 suspected leakage complaints have been received during the year 1992-93 by IOC and its distributors in Delhi. All the cases were investigated and refills were supplied wherever cylinders were found leaking.

(c) to (e) As per the instructions, the deliveryman is expected to disconnect/connect and carry out pre-post delivery checks to ensure that the equipment including cylinder is in sound working condition. If the cylinder develops any defect/leakage, the customer is required to contract the distributor during the working hours, and Emergency Service cell after working hours/Sundays/Holidays. On receipt of such complaint, the distributor is expected to immediately depute a mechanic to inspect the cylinder and arrange for free replacement in case of defective leaking cylinder. LPG cylinder being filled with water at the bottling plants is ruled out since ther are various types of checks when cylinders are filled. The possibility of water getting into the cylinders is very rare. However a few complaints have been received in this regard. A customer can seek replacement of cylinder free of cost if it is established that the cylinder contains water.

Defaulting LPG dealers

778. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of LP gas dealers in the country particularly in Punjab State against whom various complaints were received during the period